

## President Delivers Annual Message to Congress

### CALLS ON NATION TO PREPARE FOR DEFENSE

"Pay as You Go" Policy to Meet Cost  
of Preparedness Recommended;  
More Income Tax Suggested;  
Merchant Marine Advocated

#### STRIKING POINTS IN PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE

The department of war contemplates an increase of the standing force of the regular army from its present strength of 5,023 officers and 102,985 enlisted men to 7,136 officers and 134,707 enlisted men, and supplementing the army by a force of 400,000 disciplined citizens.

It will be to the advantage of the country for the congress to adopt a comprehensive plan for putting the navy upon a final footing of strength and efficiency.

The gravest threats against our national peace and safety have been uttered within our own borders.

It is necessary for many weighty reasons of national efficiency and development that we should have a great merchant marine.

It seems to me a clear dictate of prudent statesmanship and frank finance that in what we are now to undertake we should pay as we go. We should be following an almost universal example of modern government if we were to draw the greater part or even the whole of the revenues we need from the income taxes.

We have been put to the test in the case of Mexico and we have stood the test. Whether we have benefited Mexico by the course we have pursued remains to be seen. Our concern for the independence and prosperity of the states of Central and South America is not altered.

Note—The president's message will be found on page four of this paper.  
—Ed.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—For the tenth time since he entered the White House, President Wilson today appeared before the two houses of congress in joint session, delivering his annual message in person.

Special interest attached to the president's address this time on account of the expectation that he would define his position on the question of preparedness, an issue upon which leaders of his party are divided.

The galleries of the house chamber were packed long before the chief executive entered. The formalities of the occasion were much the same as have marked previous appearances of the president before the law-makers of the nation.

The president entered the house chamber at 12:40 o'clock this afternoon, and it was 1:43 o'clock when he finished the reading of his message which was somewhat longer than he has been accustomed to deliver. He read in a clear tone of voice and at times placed dramatic emphasis upon his words.

In opening his address the president referred to the world war, declaring that "we have stood apart, studiously neutral," and then he touched upon Latin-American and Mexican matters. National defense was the next topic considered, the administration program for military and naval improvement being outlined. Merchant marine and means of raising additional revenues occupied the main part of the remainder of the message.

### DALLAS IN MIDST OF CRIME WAVE

By United Press.

DALLAS, Dec. 7.—The city commissioners of Dallas at a special meeting have told Charles W. Ryan, superintendent of police, that he must stop the present crime wave or lose his job. The commissioners authorize Ryan to use as many men as he may need or want.

The commissioners also placed automobiles at the disposal of the police and stated they were ready to spend any or all of a supplemental fund of \$105,000, to stop present sweeping wave of crime. Nearly thirty robberies by assault have been reported in Dallas during the past six weeks.

Muskogee Man Arrested.

By United Press.

WACO, Texas, Dec. 7.—A man giving his name as George Sanford was arrested here this morning in connection with the robbery and murder of James Gibbs in Dallas last night, whose skull was fractured by iron bar. Sanford says his home is in Muskogee.

### BATTLING IN BALKANS IS RENEWED

By United Press.

ATHENS, Dec. 7.—The renewal of important actions in the Balkans has been marked by fierce fighting in northwestern Montenegro and a sudden Bulgarian assault against the French right wing, according to advices received here today.

It is reported that the Austrians are on the point of taking Ipek, the largest city in eastern Montenegro.

Military critics here say it is too early to determine whether the Bulgarian attack is the beginning of an effort to throw the allied forces back to Salonika.

### CO. COURT CONTINUES

County court reconvened this morning at 9:30 o'clock, Judge R. E. Davenport presiding.

In the matter of the State of Oklahoma vs. John Bennett, plea of not guilty withdrawn and plea of guilty entered. Matter passed to December 29 at which time sentence will be imposed.

State of Oklahoma vs. Walter Slayton, continued for the term.

State of Oklahoma vs. J. S. Brown, dismissed on motion of the county attorney.

State of Oklahoma vs. John Bennett, case called, state and defense announced ready for trial; jury impaneled; witnesses examined; jury charged by court immediately following the reconvening of the court after the noon recess. Argument taken up by counsel and matter will go to the jury this afternoon.

WEATHER FORECAST.  
For Oklahoma.

Tonight, fair and colder. Wednesday fair.

Local Temperature.  
During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock a. m.:  
Maximum, 61 degrees.  
Minimum, 51 degrees.

### CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED BY LEADERS

Democratic National Committee  
Meets at Capital to Choose City  
for Convention; Contest  
is Lively

#### RE-NOMINATION OF WILSON NOT DOUBTED

Some Speculation as to Ousting  
Chairman for Minnesota Man;  
Suffrage Workers Present  
Strong Plea

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—That the Democratic national convention, June 12, will be held in St. Louis, with Wilson the nominee, now seems the probable result of the meeting of the Democratic national committee. Sentiments were sharply but favor St. Louis. The fight now seems narrowed to St. Louis, Chicago and Dallas, in the order named. Balloting for the selection is expected to begin at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The 1916 presidential campaign was launched here today with the Democratic national committee meeting to select a place and time for the Democratic national convention. The Republican committee meets here a week from today to do the same. The Democratic committeemen favor June.

President Wilson's renomination was not questioned by the Democratic chieftains. Other features of the campaign, including renomination of Vice President Marshall, were much discussed, informally.

Democratic leaders, war horses and politicians, the usual entourage of the national committee's annual meeting and the committees from cities seeking the convention, were here as usual.

There was much verbal speculation regarding the alleged movement to oust William F. McCoombs of New York as chairman. Friends of Fred B. Lynch of Minnesota were said to be active in trying to have him succeed McCoombs. Party leaders insisted the rumors were without foundation. Among the cities bidding for the convention were Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, San Francisco and Omaha. Lengthy arguments and pyrotechnics were scheduled.

Called to order at 11 o'clock at the New Willard Hotel by Chairman McCoombs, the morning session was largely routine.

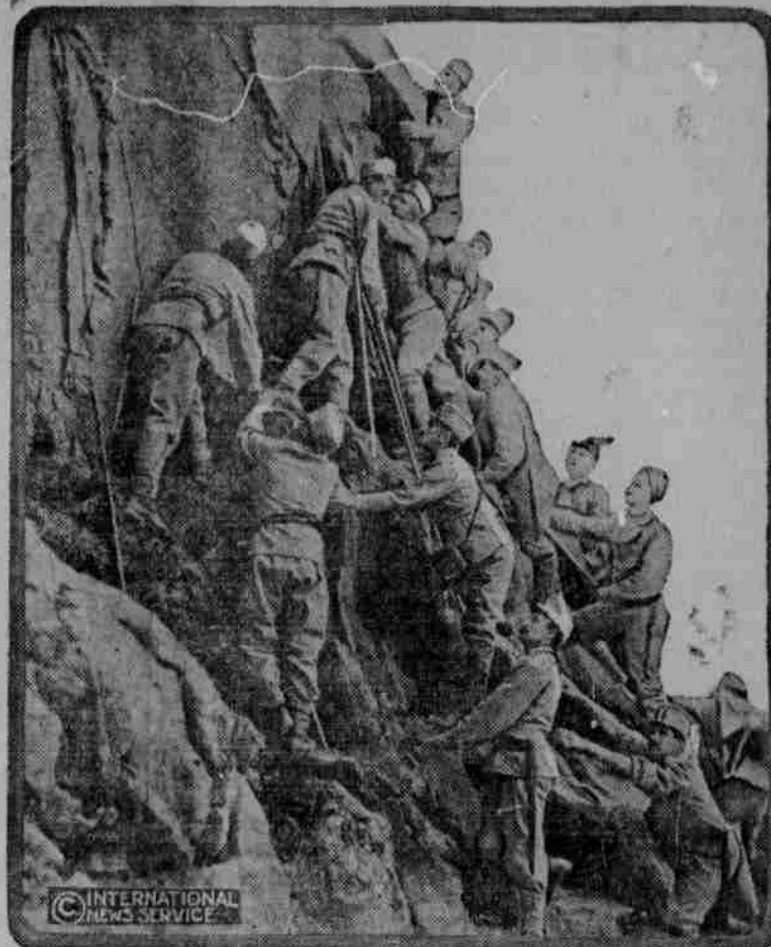
There were eight vacancies on the committee. In two of these there were contests from Oregon and Kentucky. Urey Woodson and Gen. W. B. Haldean were the contestants for Kentucky's seat and Will R. King and H. M. Easterly for Oregon's. Both contests presented novel tangles. Woodson was chosen by the Kentucky state committee. At last summer's state convention General Haldean was named national committeeman. A similar family quarrel was the Oregon contest. King was selected by the Oregon state committee and in last year's primary election Easterly was chosen by the Democratic voters.

Democratic precedent provides full four year terms for each committeeman. The national committee was presented with the problem of over-throwing choices of state committees, according to established precedent, by recognizing the choice of a party convention and the rank and file in a primary contest. Full authority and discretion was vested in the committee, to decide the contests.

Other new members seated today were: Vincent Miles of Little Rock, Ark., to succeed W. H. Kavanaugh, former president of the Southern Baseball League, deceased; John T. Barnett of Denver, Colo., succeeding Thomas J. McCue, deceased; W. W. Marsh of Waterloo, Ia., succeeding Martin J. Wade, appointed a federal

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#### WAR IN THE DOLOMITE ALPS



This photograph, taken along the line of the Italian advance into Austria, is interesting as showing the nature of the country and the reason for the slow progress made by the invaders. Austrian soldiers are here seen scaling a height in order to ambush Italians.

### AGAIN NEAR BREAK WITH GERMANY?

State Department Declines to Heed  
Request to Give Reasons for  
Asking Recall of Embassy  
Attaches

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The state department's formal refusal to grant the German government's request for the reasons actuating the United States in asking the recall of Captain Boyed and Captain von Papen, embassy attaches, was sent to Berlin and to Ambassador Bernstorff last night. It became known today. The German embassy, it is said, interprets this action as very unfriendly.

Germany through Bernstorff and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin requested that reasons for the recall be given privately if the state department did not desire to make the reasons public. Secretary Lansing refused to give the desired information either privately or publicly.

State department officials make no attempt to minimize the effect that such a reply may have on Germany. Berlin must now make the first move. The hearing which the alleged activities of German agents in Mexican affairs may have on the newly arisen acute situation was indicated by Attorney General's admission that his department was still gathering information of that kind.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—It is believed that Germany and the United States are nearer a break in diplomatic relations than they have been at any time since the war began.

Those in close touch with the situation say that either this is true or Germany is making a colossal diplomatic bluff.

The outcome is thought to be uncertain with the possibility of serious eventualities. Officials have discussed the possibility of a breach, with the recall of Ambassador Bernstorff voluntarily by his own government. They are hopeful, however, that the deadlock over Germany's demands for reasons why this government has asked for the recall of Captain Boyed and Captain von Papen may be settled amicably.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill of Hempstead, Texas, are in the city visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ed F. Johns. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have not been here since 1870, when they traveled from the east to Dallas in a wagon.

### BOARD IN REGULAR SESSION

Several Road Matters Considered  
by Commissioners; Assistant Attorney and Inspector Clash  
Over Certain Claims

The board of county commissioners

met in their regular monthly session in the office of the county clerk yesterday afternoon with all board members present.

The reports of the officers for Grady county for the month of November, were presented and after having been first duly audited were allowed.

The matter of the Lucile road coming up, Commissioner Bryant reported that the right-of-way through the Minter lands would have to be purchased. In the same connection it was reported to the board that the land heretofore controlled by Dave Hill had been advertised for sale. In the same connection Mr. Marlow reported that Dixon would fight the opening of the road through his lands.

The board instructed Mr. Marlow to take the matter of the opening of the road up with the township board and with Messrs. Minter and Dixon and see if an amicable settlement could not be arranged.

A petition was then presented for the opening and bridging of a road on the section line between sections 11-14, township 5, range 7 west. The petitioners asked that the county be required to put in and construct the necessary bridges for opening the road along the section line. Investigation disclosing that there were no funds available for this purpose the board declined to consider the petition and the petitioners withdrew the same.

Upon the proper motion being presented it was ordered that the claims arising from the Elmer Gray judgment, amounting to \$1,632.61, and the Pioneer judgment, amounting to \$126.43, be allowed and paid.

A number of erroneous tax assessments against certain Indian lands ordered stricken from the rolls.

By resolution Nim Wyatt was appointed foreman on the work to be done from donation funds on the road running from Rush Springs west. On motion he was allowed to pay at the rate of three dollars per day for the time served as foreman on the public highway.

Board recessed until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

At the regular hour this morning the

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### BOND ISSUE FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

In Compliance with Request of  
Board of Education Mayor Coffman  
Calls Special Election  
for December 21

#### SPECIFY \$70,000 AS AMOUNT NEEDED

Money Will Be Used for Repairing  
and Equipping High School and  
Erecting of Additional  
Structure

In accordance with action taken by the board of education setting forth the need for additional school facilities in Chickasha, Mayor Coffman today issued a call for a special election, to be held December 21, for the purpose of voting on a bond issue of \$70,000.

Crowded conditions in the schools, especially in the lower grades, have been calling for relief for a long time and after due consideration the board finally decided to submit the proposition to the people, asking for a sum sufficient to meet urgent needs, providing the additional rooms and equipment necessary to take care of the children and to enable the schools to do effective work.

Speaking of the situation in the schools, Superintendent Ramey said, "Every room is full and the three primary rooms with from 70 to 80 pupils each are holding half-day sessions. Some little ones have already been turned away and I don't know what we are going to do with the new crop of beginners that will come at the opening of the second term. At the present time we have the eighth grade and part of the seventh grade at the high school in order to relieve conditions in the ward buildings and our high school has grown till we are not able to handle them. Another thing, our high school, is not now equipped as a first-class high school must be and notice has been served upon us that this is the last year that will be given to us to so equip it, otherwise we shall be dropped from the list of schools accredited by the state university. We must have rooms for physical, chemical, biological and agricultural laboratories and must get the necessary equipment. To get this additional room we shall have to take the seventh and eighth grades away from the high school. My suggestion to the board was to build a junior high school to take care of all the seventh and eighth grade pupils in the city. This would remove the pressure at the top and also would make more room in the ward buildings for the primary children. The amount which the board is asking may seem large, but it is all needed and the people may be assured that it will be spent to advantage."

The mayor's official call for the election is printed on page seven of this paper.

### BANKER IS SENTENCED

By United Press.

MUSKOGEE, Dec. 7.—W. P. Phillips, former cashier of the First National bank of Vinita, was convicted of making false entries nine years ago and today was sentenced by Federal Judge Campbell to serve five years in prison.

Phillips was indicted in 1907, tried in 1911, and appealed his case which was reversed in 1913 by the circuit court of appeals. The case was then taken to the United States supreme court, where the conviction was affirmed. Phillips has recently been engaged in the oil business in Tulsa.

### TO EDUCATE PUBLIC IS PROPOSED

Traffic Cop Stationed at Corner  
Fourth and Chickasha by Chief;  
Gives Course of Lessons  
in Safety First

#### "HEED ALL RULES OF STREET" IS ORDER

Period of Persuasion Will Precede  
Application of Force to Viola-  
tors of Ordinance; Better  
Get Wise

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TRAFFIC RULES.  
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Wagons, buggies, bicycles, autos, must keep on right side of street.  
All vehicles slow up at corner.  
Vehicles must not cross streets, except at intersections—drive to "far" side of intersecting street before turning.  
On overtaking another vehicle drive to left.  
Pedestrians pass from one side of street to another only on crossings—cut out "angling."

Believing it is the only way to bring about a system of "safety first" in the matter of street traffic, Chief Phillips of the Chickasha police has started in by stationing a traffic officer at the intersection of Chickasha avenue and Fourth street during the busiest hours of the day and evening.

Fourth and Chickasha is the busiest corner in Chickasha. During rush hours of any day in the week this corner will be found in a greater or less congested condition. Especially is this condition marked on Saturdays and on such days as First Monday. Automobiles, service cars, street cars, farmers wagons, delivery wagons, surreys, buggies, pedestrians are all mixed in a true metropolitan maelstrom on this corner on busy days.

These conditions existing at this corner, more than at any other corner in Chickasha, Chief Phillips selected this as the spot upon which to initiate the anti-jay driving and the anti-jay walking crusade which he and the mayor of the city propose to conduct—an "anti" crusade in the interests of the "safety first" education of all who use the thoroughfares of the city for business or for pleasure.

Chief Phillips stated this morning that he felt more could be accomplished by an educational campaign in this line than might be by popping down the enforcement of the ordinances already existing and putting the screws to all violators in the manner of arrests and fines. However, Chief Phillips stated, should it become necessary to hale some obstreperous driver into court for failure to comply with the ordinances after this school of instruction had been conducted for a reasonable length of time, then the mayor will do the rest and will see to it that the lesson is driven in.

In speaking of the matter further, Chief Phillips stated the growth of Chickasha had rendered it necessary that the ordinary rules of "safety first" should be observed by all persons who drive, walk or otherwise pass along the streets.

Officer Boles is the first Chickasha officer to be detailed to "traffic" duty. As "one of the finest" this officer has been stationed at the "Fourth and Chickasha" intersection with instructions to use his every endeavor to convince the public that it is a matter of the enforcement of the anti-jay ordinance is something more than a joke. His duty, according to Chief Phillips, shall be to educate the public along the "safety first" line in a courteous manner, but to use firmness should firmness be needed.

When asked if it was his intention

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